OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City of Eugene, Oregon

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: the City of Eugene is committed to the pursuit of equality, dignity and justice for all; and
- WHEREAS: the City of Eugene has adopted policies that foster human rights and racial equality; and
- WHEREAS: in the United States, numerous states, cities, counties and towns have recognized the importance of integrating human rights principles and treaties such as the Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) in local and national law and practice; and
- WHEREAS: a basic tenet of the human rights framework is that human rights must start at home, and must involve and reflect the needs and expertise of local communities, and that governments have an affirmative obligation to respect, protect and fulfill these rights; and
- WHEREAS: Eugene is striving to become a Human Rights City, a city in which the fundamental principles of the Universal Declaration inform and guide the daily lives of everyone in our community to the benefit of all; and
- WHEREAS: December 10, 2014, is the 66th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and this anniversary is being celebrated throughout the nation and in nations across the globe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kitty Piercy, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim December 10, 2014, to be

"International Human Rights Day"

in Eugene, Oregon, and encourage all people to work together in the coming year to achieve greater progress in respecting, protecting and fulfilling the full range of human rights contained in the Universal Declaration for all members of our community.

Kitty Piercy

Mayor of Eugene

December 10, 2014